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SUBJECT: RECIPROCITY PROVISIONS OF MINERAL LEASING ACT OF 1920

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1. CONOFF'S CONVERSATION WITH HK GOVERNMENT LABOUR AND MINES DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR CONFIRMED THAT HK HAS NO LEGISLATION BARRING AMCITS OR AMERICAN CORPORATIONS FROM "OWNING ANY INTEREST IN ANY LEASE OR DEPOSITS OF MINERALS...AND LANDS CONTAINING SUCH DEPOSITS." ONLY PROVISION OF MINING ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 285) RELEVANT TO AMERICAN OWNERSHIP OF MINERAL RIGHTS IN HK IS THAT ABSENTEE OWNERS MUST DESIGNATE LOCAL ATTORNEY TO ACT IN THEIR STEAD IN HK LEGAL AND/OR FINANCIAL PROCEEDINGS.

2. HK MINES OFFICIAL NOTED THAT THE COLONY'S MINERAL DEPOSITS ARE EXTREMELY MEAGER AND ARE EXTRACTED ON A VERY SMALL SCALE. AT PRESENT, ONLY QUARTZ, FELDSPAR AND ONE OR TWO OTHER MINERALS USED IN MAKING PORCELAIN GLAZE ARE MINED HERE. A SMALL IRON MINE THAT HAD EMPLOYED 200-300 MEN CLOSED LAST YEAR WHEN IT COULD NO LONGER COMPETE WITH LARGE AUSTRALIAN IRON PRODUCERS FOR THE JAPANESE MARKET. HK CONTAINS TWO SMALL WOLFRAM DEPOSITS, BUT THESE HAVE NOT BEEN COMMERCIALY EXPLOITED SINCE
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